

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an XM satellite radio subscriber, and I have never been happier listening to the radio in my life! Conventional radio, especially in the Chicago market where I live, is repetetive and boring. I hear the same songs and same artists constantly. That is why I subscribe to XM- I now have variety, and can hear new artists and types of music that I would never hear on conventional radio.

It has come to my attention that the FCC is considering a petition to prevent XM and Sirius from providing local traffic and news. I am very much in support of XM and Sirius being allowed to provide this service. I pay for my subscription to XM, and I dont think the FCC and conventional radio should have any input into what I hear on XM. If conventional radio is so scared of the competition, why dont they improve their product? They are all owned by one or two corporations anyway, and dont care about the quality they are putting out. If the FCC wants to investigate something, why dont they investigate the fact that these two giant corporations monopolize what can and cant and who will or wont be played on their stations?

I still occasionally listen to the traffic on regular radio, but they only report the traffic at certain times- with XM, I can switch their report on at any time that is convenient to me.

I am very much in support of satellite radio- I love the QUALITY, the variety, the excitement of being able to hear new artists and songs that I would NEVER get the chance to hear on conventional radio, and the convenience of being able to hear what I want when I want it.

I urge you to reject the NAB's petition 04-160.

Leave satellite radio alone- they deserve to provide the programming they wish to local markets- and they are doing a heck of a job!